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just received this letter. If other Senators want to take this on a political basis. They are free to do so. I think we ought after we make our committee assignments, recess until 8:00 tonight, and allow the Budget Committee or anyone else time to study this, because I don't think we can act hastily and intelligently both. Now, if you want to act politically and shove things up or shove them down, that's your business. I don't want any part of machinations that are just fired off the top of the head. I'm not saying the Governor is right. I'm not saying he is wrong. But I think those of us who worked as hard as we have on Budget Committee deserve a little time to study this. And then, if I decide to agree with the Governor or disagree with him. I think that's my final say. But I think that as a courtesy to the Budget Committee we be given a little time at least to study what's been done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: We got this message about ten minutes before it was delivered to the Legislature as a whole. That's when the staff got it, and the staff was in the West Senate Lounge, or what used to be the West Senate Lounge, Senator's Lounge. Trying to get some details, so we could explain it to you. What I would like to do to start with, Mr. President, and I hope other Legislators are listening, so they can give me a reaction to this. In about 30 minutes, we will have enough analysis so we can come back here and at least give you some idea of what this document contains. And so, my original motion would be that we recess for 30 minutes to allow the appropriations committee to go into lounge with the staff and get at least an initial briefing and then come back here and report to the Legislature. Now I can give you an overall briefing at the moment. But I would rather have an additional 30 minutes to go over this and then come back and then give you an unbiased analysis of exactly what all of this means.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move to amend it to give the Chairman an hour. It's impossible if you want information to digest this in less than an hour. Now some members have to leave, in my case I have a meeting in Omaha, which I would like to attend, but this more important to me than to the state, than the meeting is. So I move to amend his motion. We recess until..for an hour.

PRESIDENT: All right, now do you want to discuss the hour. That's the amendment to his recess motion. Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: (machine deactivated) Senator Marvel's request. And I think an hour is a proper time for digesting. I also have the same meeting, Senator Carpenter is going to this evening. But I agree that this is more important than that meeting is. However, I believe we do have sufficient things to do to wind up our session in the Legislature, which we could do without the entire Budget Committee here. We can do the things we need to do. So I would second, Senator Carpenters motion that they have an hour, but not to recess, to continue on with the work we have to do to wind up our session.

PRESIDENT: Well, now wait a minute. Senator Frank Lewis.